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THE TWO BROTHERS.

(From the Tribune.)
In Palestine long ago—
So runs the legend—
When Kedron's sparkling waters flow
Across the sands of gold,
And Mount Moriah rises like a head
Above the sunny plain,
Two brothers came—as one—"It is said,
A field of golden grain."
And when the autumn days had come
And all the sheaves and sheaves
Stood waiting for the "harvest moon,"
Among the withering leaves,
The elder brother sat one night,
"I'm stronger than Saul,
My younger brother, 'tis but right
That I should give him all
These sheaves that grow upon the plain
We own together, so
I'll put his name on his row of grain,
And he will never know."

Scarcely had he left the sheaves of wheat
When quietly there came
Across the fields with stealthy feet,
And stood just one same old
The younger brother who said: "I see
My brother Simon's deed
Is greater than mine, for he
Hath wife and child to feed;
And so to him I'll give my sheaves,
It is but right, I know."
And he will never know who leaves
These wheat stacks on his row.

Next morning when the brothers twain
Began to count their grain,
Behold! each found his stacks of grain
Too numberless to count.
"Why, how is this?" in great surprise
Each to himself then said:
"I'll watch to-night and see who tries
These tricks: when I'm abroad
And so, half way across the plain
They meet—each one best of
With sheaves and sheaves of golden grain
To swell his brother's store!"

Good Saul and Simon! Would to-day
More brothers could be found
Who seek each other's good away,
And in kind deeds abound.

WON BY STRATEGY.

A True Story of How Love Asserted Itself.

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"Boasting through the green fields,
Outrigger wild flowers,
Gaily steps a maiden,
As quickly by the hours."

HUS caroled happy
Ora Dalton, one
bright summer
morning, as she
merrily tripped
through her father's
meadow, culling na-
tural sweets and
drinking in nature's
joy.

Arthur Warren,
reposing at full
length on the grass
near by, thought
her the loveliest
creature he had
ever seen, and her
voice the sweetest
he had ever heard.

She was not aware of his presence
until almost at his side.
"Pardon me, miss! I see I have
alarmed you," he said, rising book in
hand, as she began to retreat.
"I—I didn't know any one was
here!" she faltered, evidently startled
by so unexpected an encounter with a
stranger.

At this juncture there was a shower
of blossoms at her feet from her
flower-laden apron, which, in her con-
fusion she had forgotten to retain
hold of.

"I am sorry I interrupted your
song," said Arthur, who wanted her
to recover her treasures. "It was very
sweet and quite appropriate, too.
Here we have the maiden and the wild
flowers."

"Yes," she replied, archly. "But
the maiden in the song was thinking
of her lover as he passed by."

"And you?" he rejoined with a
rough laugh—"was thinking of a
lover over yonder in town, perhaps."

There was a scornful toss of the
queensly little head, and an unusual,
windy, ring in the clear, young
voice as she retorted:

"I have more interesting things to
think about than lovers!"

"What can be more interesting to a
young girl like you than love, with all
its promises for the future?" and her
questioner looked the surprise that he felt.

"The love you speak of promises me
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"What would you say if a very dear
friend were to tell you that he loved
you?" said Arthur, who was search-
ingly, as he put this question.

"I should say," she answered, her
eyes frankly meeting his, "that the
sooner he learned to forget me the
better; and for his sake I should in-
sist on ending our acquaintance then
and there."

UNCLE SAM'S GOVERNMENT.

A Description of the Executive Powers of the Different Departments.

The great mass of work imposed upon the Executive Power of the Government—embracing so many distinct subjects, and requiring so many thousands of agents to perform—must be arranged and treated in an orderly and systematic manner. To expect the President to perform the duties of a general manager, with attention and direct supervision of the doings of each agent, would be absurd. The magnitude and diversity of the work demand its separation into parts, and the general supervision or management of each must be intrusted to a separate officer. On this business basis, and in accordance with the design of the Constitution, Congress has divided the work among seven executive departments, each in charge of a general officer or "head of department," known, respectively, as the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, the Attorney-General, the Postmaster-General, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Interior; and the work of each department is still further subdivided and distributed among "bureaus" and "divisions" and minor "offices," in charge of lesser heads or chiefs, designated as "commissioners," "superintendents," "directors," and by various other general or special titles.

The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the army and navy, is the head of the military and naval departments, and his office is the War Department. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the judicial power, is the head of the judicial department, and his office is the Supreme Court. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the executive power, is the head of the executive department, and his office is the Executive Office. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the legislative power, is the head of the legislative department, and his office is the Congress. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the executive power, is the head of the executive department, and his office is the Executive Office. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the legislative power, is the head of the legislative department, and his office is the Congress. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the executive power, is the head of the executive department, and his office is the Executive Office. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the legislative power, is the head of the legislative department, and his office is the Congress. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the executive power, is the head of the executive department, and his office is the Executive Office. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the legislative power, is the head of the legislative department, and his office is the Congress. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the executive power, is the head of the executive department, and his office is the Executive Office. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the legislative power, is the head of the legislative department, and his office is the Congress. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the executive power, is the head of the executive department, and his office is the Executive Office. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the legislative power, is the head of the legislative department, and his office is the Congress. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the executive power, is the head of the executive department, and his office is the Executive Office. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the legislative power, is the head of the legislative department, and his office is the Congress. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the executive power, is the head of the executive department, and his office is the Executive Office. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the legislative power, is the head of the legislative department, and his office is the Congress. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the executive power, is the head of the executive department, and his office is the Executive Office. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the legislative power, is the head of the legislative department, and his office is the Congress. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the executive power, is the head of the executive department, and his office is the Executive Office. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the legislative power, is the head of the legislative department, and his office is the Congress. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the executive power, is the head of the executive department, and his office is the Executive Office. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the legislative power, is the head of the legislative department, and his office is the Congress. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the executive power, is the head of the executive department, and his office is the Executive Office. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the legislative power, is the head of the legislative department, and his office is the Congress. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the executive power, is the head of the executive department, and his office is the Executive Office. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the legislative power, is the head of the legislative department, and his office is the Congress. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the executive power, is the head of the executive department, and his office is the Executive Office. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the legislative power, is the head of the legislative department, and his office is the Congress. The President, in his capacity of commander in chief of the executive power, is the head of the executive department, and his office